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Temporary Closure on Big Creek Road to Replace Culvert

No access to Werner Peak Area from East Side

KALISPELL, MONT. – The Flathead National Forest will be removing a barrier culvert on Langford Creek and replacing it with a stream simulated culvert to help improve the passage of native cutthroat trout and other aquatic species. The culvert replacement will result in a temporary closure on the east end of National Forest System Road 316 (Big Creek Road.)

Schlegel Enterprises (a local Kalispell contractor) will replace the existing culvert on Langford creek with an Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) culvert. Work is scheduled to begin Monday, September 30, 2013. The road will be closed to public traffic for no more than two weeks during the installation of the new culvert.

Langford Creek is on the Glacier View Ranger District, Flathead National Forest, near Mile Post 1.14 on Big Creek Road. The road provides accesses to Moose Lake, Werner Peak Divide, Werner Peak Lookout, and the back side of Big Mountain. All of those areas will remain accessible from the west side of the divide from the Stillwater State Forest.

For additional information please contact Flathead National Forest Civil Engineer Patrick Siers at 406-758-5347.

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